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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LEON TEMPLESMAN REPRESENTATIVE

REF: (A) STATE 206278; (B) MASERU 1820

1. LEON TEMPLESMAN REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT PALTAUF VISITED EMBASSY AUGUST 25 TO REPORT HE HAD A HALF HOUR MEETING WITH ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS, CHARLES JOHANSON. THE PURPOSE OF PALTAUF'S VISIT WAS TO INFORM JOHNSON. THAT MR. TEMPLESMAN HAD SPOKEN TO SIR HARRY OPPENHEIMER BY TELEPHONE AND HAD REPORTEDLY CLEARED AWAY DEBEER'S OBJECTIONS TO "OUTSIDERS" ENTERING DIAMOND BUSINESS IN BOTSWANA. PALTAUF SAID JOHNSON ASKED FOR TEMPLESMAN'S FINAL PROPOSAL, TELLING HIM THAT TWO OTHER FIRMS (ONE US AND ONE BELGIAN) WERE STILL IN THE RUNNING ALONG WITH TEMPLESMAN. JOHNSON ASKED FOR PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IN ANY CASE BEFORE OCTOBER 31, THE FINAL DEADLINE.

2. PALTAUF PLANS TO RETURN TO BOTSWANA IN A WEEK OR 10 DAYS, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF A LOCAL ATTORNEY TO HELP PROVIDE DETAILS FOR FINAL
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PROPOSAL.

3. PALTAUF PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF IDENTITY OF OTHER US FIRM IN THE RUNNING, BUT SAID IT IS NOT UNLIKELY REINHOLD, GIVEN THEIR NEW ENTERPRISE IN LESOTHO.
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